

2. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to Claim 1, which comprises 0.01 to 10 parts by weight of the phenol compound (C) per 100 parts by weight of copolymer (A).

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Cont 3. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phenol compound is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of single ring phenol compounds, two-ring phenol compounds, three-ring phenol compounds and four-ring phenol compounds.

4. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to Claim 3, wherein the phenol compound is selected from the group consisting of 2,6-di-tert-butyl-p-cresol, butylhydroxyanisole, stearyl β -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate, 4,4'-butylidenebis(3-methyl-6-tert-butylphenol), 3,6-dioxaoctamethylenebis[3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionate], 1,1,3-tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)butane and tetrakis[methylene-3-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxyphenyl)propionate].

5. (Amended) An adhesive sheet comprising a film of acetyl cellulose and a layer which comprises an adhesive composition

A¹ according to Claim 1, said layer being disposed on the film of acetyl cellulose.

A² 8. (Amended) An adhesive composition which comprises a crosslinked product of components which comprise (D) a copolymer of (meth)acrylic esters having a weight-average molecular weight of 500,000 to 2,500,000 and (E) a crosslinking agent, and

(F) a radical scavenger,

wherein the crosslinking agent (E) is in an amount of 0.001 to 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the copolymer(D), and the radical scavenger (F) is in an amount of 0.01 to 10 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the copolymer (D).

9. (Amended) An adhesive composition which comprises a crosslinked product of (D') a mixture of a copolymer of (meth)acrylic esters having a weight-average molecular weight of 500,000 to 2,500,000 and an oligomer of (meth)acrylic esters having a weight-average molecular weight of 1,000 to 10,000 in amounts such that a ratio of the amounts by weight of the copolymer to the oligomer is 100:5 to 100:100 and (E) a crosslinking agent, and

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(F) a radical scavenger,
wherein the crosslinking agent (E) is in an amount of 0.001 to 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the mixture (D') and the radical scavenger (F) is in an amount of 0.01 to 10 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the mixture (D').

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12. **[Amended]** An adhesive composition according to Claim 10, which comprises 0.1 to 10 parts by weight of the secondary antioxidant (G) per 1 part by weight of the radical scavenger (F).

13. **[Amended]** An adhesive composition according to Claim 11, which comprises 0.1 to 10 parts by weight of the secondary antioxidant (G) per 1 part by weight of the radical scavenger (F).

14. **[Amended]** An adhesive composition according to Claim 8, wherein the radical scavenger is at least one agent selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, an amine photostabilizer and a polymerization inhibitor.

15. **[Amended]** An adhesive composition according to Claim 9, wherein the radical scavenger is at least one agent selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, an amine photostabilizer and a polymerization inhibitor.

16. ~~(Amended)~~] In an optical component, the improvement comprising the optical component containing the adhesive composition according to Claim 8.

A3 17. ~~(Amended)~~] In an optical component, the improvement comprising the optical component containing the adhesive composition according to Claim 9.

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